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Prior to examination of the above identified patent application, please enter the following replacement paragraph [0001] at page 1, under the heading "Related Applications":

AI -- This application is a continuation in part of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/609,570, filed June 30, 2000, currently pending; which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/427,372, filed October 25, 1999, currently pending; which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/261,006, filed March 2, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,004,796; which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/664,646, filed June 17, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,877,001, all of which are herein incorporated by reference in their entirety. --

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The changes to the paragraph, as filed, may be found in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

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Respectfully submitted,

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